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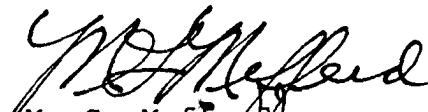
Dear Nathan:

Minor Aquifer Exemption
McCool Ranch Field
Monterey County

In accordance with your instructions and the Summary of Agreements on Major/Minor Aquifer Exemptions, the California Division of Oil and Gas is hereby requesting a minor aquifer exemption. The aquifer is identified as the "D" zone and located within the boundaries of the McCool Ranch oil field in Monterey County. The "D" zone is a nonproducing horizon containing a total dissolved concentration of more than 3000 mg/liter.

The pertinent information for minor exemptions is indicated on the enclosed Aquifer Exemption Summary. If you have any questions regarding the exemption request, please contact Al Koller at the Division's district office in Santa Maria or Bob Reid in Sacramento. The address of the Santa Maria office is 301 W. Church Street, P.O. Box 227, Santa Maria 93458; phone (805) 925-2686.

Sincerely,



M. G. Meffert
State Oil and Gas Supervisor

cc: Al Koller, Santa Maria
Bob Reid, Sacramento

ATTACHMENT A

AQUIFER EXEMPTION
SUMMARY SHEET

Date application received in Region: _____

Date application sent the Headquarters: _____

Date action needed: _____

APPLICANT: Phillips Petroleum Company

HEARING DATE: _____

I.D. NUMBER: _____

EXEMPTION DESCRIPTION (Township, Range, Section, Quarter section and
of affected area):

T.22S, R.10E, M.D.B&M - Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23

FIELD: McCool Ranch - Monterey County

AQUIFER TO BE EXEMPTED: "D" sand (depth to top of zone varies from 1825' - 2050')

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXEMPTION:

(X) Aquifer is not a source of drinking water and will not serve as a source
of drinking water in the future because it:

(x) Has a TDS level above 3,000

() Is hydrocarbon bearing

() Is too deep

() Is a Class III well subject to subsidence

() Is too contaminated (name contaminant(s)):

() Other: _____

PURPOSE OF INJECTION: Disposal of water produced from Phillips Petroleum Co. oil
wells in the McCool Ranch field.

INJECTED WATER QUALITY: 7020 PPM TDS

INJECTION WATER SOURCE: Produced oil-
field water

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OIL OR MINERAL PRODUCTION HISTORY: Phillips started production in October of 1981 on "Brinan A" 1 and March 1982 on "Brinan A" 4, the only two commercial wells on the lease. Oil production was 66 bbls in 1981, 4493 bbls in 1982 & 5632 bbls in the first 6 months of 1983. Waste water production in the first 6 months of 1983 has increased to 38,846 bbl.

ACTIVE INJECTION WELLS INJECTING INTO SAME FORMATION:

<u>Field</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Injection Interval</u>	<u>Injection Source</u>	<u>Total Depth</u>
McCool Ranch	22-22S-10E, "Sinclair" 3, 1650'-2169' M.D.B&M ("D" & Lombardi)	Produced oilfield water	2174	
San Ardo	7-23S-11E, "Hamby" 817-7, 1740-2465' M.D.B&M (S.Marg., "D"&"E"sd&Lombardi)	Produced oilfield water	2654	
San Ardo	6-23S-11E, "Orradre" 801-6, 1620-2340' M.D.B&M (S.Marg., "D"&"E"sd&Lombardi)	Produced oilfield water	2569	
San Ardo	6-23S-11E, "Orradre" 803-6, 1640-2380' M.D.B&M (S.Marg., "D"&"E"sd&Lombardi)	Produced oilfield water	2594	

WATER USE IN AREA: Ground water is used in the area for irrigation, watering livestock and drinking water for farm and small town population. The base of strata that is generally used for freshwater is above 600'.

REMARKS: This non-hydrocarbon-producing aquifer was being used for injection of oil-field waste water as early as 1979. When the Division of Oil and Gas applied for primacy, this aquifer was inadvertently overlooked in Table 1, Appendix B for McCool Ranch field. The "D" sand extends throughout the field and into the adjacent San Ardo field and beyond. The attached map shows the boundary of the McCool Ranch field. The "D" sand did receive an exemption in the adjacent San Ardo field.

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SAN ARDO OIL FIELD

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Monterey County

